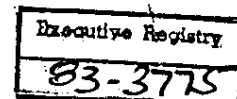


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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505



26 July 1983

The Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Pat,

I think this memorandum from Bob Gates on his agenda for the National Intelligence Council will tell you why I view this as a unique opportunity to improve the performance of the National Intelligence Council and, through that, the entire Intelligence Community. Bob's combination of experience as National Intelligence Officer, NSC staffer and Director of the Intelligence Directorate puts him in a special position to enhance the relationship between the policy needs as developed in the NSC apparatus, analysis performed in the Intelligence Directorate and the estimative process in the Intelligence Community guided by the NIC.

As I told you yesterday, we are not merging the NIC and the DDI. DDI will continue to be a line organization and the NIC a Community Staff organization. Over the history of the CIA, the NIC and its predecessor, the Board of National Estimates, have bounced back and forth, about half the time as a staff organization responsible directly to the DCI and the other half of the time an integral part of the DDI, where it was when I found it. I moved it back to a staff role at the Community level and plan to keep it that way with a separate chairman, whom we expect to develop from the present group of NIOs in about a year or so.

Yours

William J. Casey

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